



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Respect Life Office

Archdiocesan Guidelines for a Catholic Presence at Abortion Clinics.

The presence at the abortion site is one of prayer and reconciliation for the parents and unborn child and for all the staff in the clinic. Only a crucifix, portraits of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the signs of the Gabriel Project and Project Rachel may be displayed.

- The prayer presence is physically separate from those doing sidewalk counseling. Sidewalk counselors should have adequate training by the Church, before engaging in this work.
- The Movement, approved by the Archdiocese for this pastoral care outreach, is the Helpers of Gods Precious Infants.
- This is a witness, not a demonstration. It is a pastoral care outreach to mothers in need. All sloganeering, verbal confrontations, any forms of harassment or public shaming, etc. are unacceptable.
- It is **NOT** a political demonstration to bring about the downfall of any particular abortion site or organization. All public policy and legislative change outreach of the Diocese is pursued by other venues.
- A physical distance should be maintained from others at a site whose tactics would be considered contrary to these guidelines.

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